GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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RURAL SPORTS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being run under `Rural Sports Programme`;

(b) the names of agencies through which the said programme is being undertaken;

(c) the criteria for allocation of funds for the implementation of the said schemes; and

(d) the details of funds allocated by the Government for organising rural sports programmes in Rajasthan during the last two years alongwith the name of the agency through which the funds have been allocated?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is implementing a Scheme of `Incentives for Promotion of Sports Activities` under which Rural Sports Programme is one of the components. This programme being implemented through Sports Authority of India (SAI), provides for grant-in-aid for organizing District level, State level and National level tournaments. For District level competitions, the grant-in-aid is placed at the disposal of SAI for allocation to State/UT Governments. Financial assistance of Rs. 30,000/- per discipline is also made available by the Ministry for Non- Governmental Organisations, including Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, for organizing District level competitions. The State/UT level tournaments are organized by SAI in collaboration with the States/UTs. Assistance for holding the State level tournaments is provided to SAI at the rate of Rs. 50,000/- per discipline. In case of UT, this assistance is restricted to Rs. 25,000/- per discipline. For National level tournament, a grant of Rs. 2,50,000/- per discipline is provided to SAI, for organizing the tournament separately for men and women in various States by rotation.

(b) The Rural Sports Programme is being implemented through Sports Authority of India (SAI) and through Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan in North Eastern States.

(c) The details of the Scheme are circulated to various States by SAI every year and on receipt of request for funds and Utilisation Certificates for previous grants, funds are released to the concerned States.

(d) Detail of financial assistance released to Rajasthan for the last two years is as follows :-

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2003-04  - Rs. 3,00,000/-
2004-05  - No request for grants was received.
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